IN THE CLAIMS:

1-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A microscopic surgery system, comprising:

a surgical microscope having a microscope eyepiece unit for observing a region for treatment;

an ultrasonic probe for microscopic operations to examine the region for treatment; and

an electric probe joint for electrically powering the ultrasonic probe provided on [[a]] an outer wall ~~near an~~ of the microscope eyepiece unit of the surgical microscope, wherein a connector provided in the ultrasonic probe releasably couples the ultrasonic probe to the electric probe joint.

34. (Currently Amended) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 33, wherein a probe holder, on which an observation body of the ultrasonic probe can be temporarily located before or during operations, is attached to the outer wall ~~near the eyepiece unit~~.

35. (Currently Amended) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 34, wherein the probe holder is located at a position where, when the observation body of the ultrasonic probe for microscopic operations is temporarily located thereon, the [[filed]] field of view for observation by the surgical microscope will not be blocked by the observation body.

36. (New) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 33, wherein the electric probe joint supplies a driving signal from an ultrasonic observation apparatus to one or more ultrasonic transducer elements in the ultrasonic probe.

37. (New) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 36, wherein the electric probe joint transmits a received signal from the one or more ultrasonic transducer elements to the ultrasonic observation apparatus.